

NORTH CAROLINA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
COST SHARE PROGRAMS:
Agriculture Cost Share Program, Community Conservation Assistance Program,
and Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program
PROGRAM YEAR 2013

ANNUAL STRATEGY PLAN TEMPLATE

I. Marketing

Describe the District's plans for marketing the Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP), the Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP), and the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program in the District. Advertisement for ACSP should be published in a local newspaper or agricultural publication that reaches local farmers no later than June 30 proceeding the July 1 program year. Copies of annual advertisement are to be kept in the District's files and made available during a program review. Advertisement for CCAP and AgWRAP is not required at this time due to the limited funding available for these programs.

II. Overall Activities

Describe the District's overall soil and water conservation oriented activities for the upcoming program year. This can include watershed projects, projects through the ACSP and/or the Federal Farm Bill, CCAP, education and outreach, water conservation activities, etc.

III. Nonpoint Source Pollution Problems

Describe the nonpoint source pollution problems in the District. Include agricultural (ACSP) and urban, suburban, and rural (CCAP) nonpoint source pollution sources.

IV. Water Resource Concerns

Describe the water resource concerns in the District. Include opportunities to increase water use efficiency, availability and storage; methods that could be used locally to increase water use efficiency and increase water storage and availability for agricultural purposes

V. Basinwide Plan Information

Include information about impaired waters and stream with noted impacts described in the most recent Basinwide Water Quality Plan(s). Also list any waters of local concern that have been identified by the District. This section of the strategy plan should also describe how the District intends to address nonpoint source pollution impacting these waters. (*Commission Policy Relating District Strategy Plans to Basinwide Plans adopted May 18, 2005.*)

VI. Priority Watersheds

To help decrease nonpoint source pollution and improve water resources in the District from both agricultural and non-agricultural sources, identify the watersheds or geographical areas, farms or types of operations that will receive priority for funding or technical assistance from the District.

VII. Prioritization Process for Applications

Include a copy of the District's ACSP, CCAP, and AgWRAP application prioritization process and any District forms developed to facilitate prioritization. You should include a copy of your SWCD's ranking form for ACSP, CCAP, and AgWRAP as an attachment.

VIII. Local Policies

Please list board approved policies regarding program implementation in your district. Items to include in this section are:

- contract signatories outside of board meetings: refer to SWCC policy addressing approval of cost share applications, contracts and requests for payments (adopted March 21, 2012)
- Local district BMP caps or contract caps
- Other items that impact how your district implements cost share programs locally

VIII. Cost Share Funding Requests

Provide a brief narrative of cost share funding requests and include the following summary tables. Please adjust the number of rows in each table to include the information necessary to support your requests.

Agriculture Cost Share Program Request

Include funding needs for best management practices (by BMP type).

PRACTICE	YEAR 2013 NEEDS	AMOUNT
TOTAL		\$

ACSP Special Allocations

Impaired and Impacted Streams ACSP Request

Include funding needs for best management practices (by BMP type).

Please attach your stream survey to this plan.

WATERSHED		
PARAMETER IMPAIRING OR IMPACTING THE STREAM		
PRACTICE	YEAR 2013 NEEDS	AMOUNT
TOTAL		\$

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) ACSP Request

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PRACTICE	YEAR 2013 NEEDS	AMOUNT
TOTAL		\$

Community Conservation Assistance Program Request

Include funding needs for best management practices (by practice), administrative and technical assistance, and education and outreach.

PRACTICE OR TYPE OF ASSISTANCE	YEAR 2013 NEEDS	AMOUNT
Administrative & technical assistance*		
Education & outreach*		
TOTAL		\$

**Information collected for program planning purposes. The majority of limited program funds are used for BMPs only at this time.*

Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program Request

Include funding needs for best management practices

PRACTICE	YEAR 2013 NEEDS	AMOUNT
TOTAL		\$

IX. District BMP Certification Form

Please attach the district's BMP Certification Form for FY2011 (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011). According to Commission policy regarding audit requirements of Soil and Water Conservation Districts for cost share funds, *each district is required to submit the results of an audit and certification for the previous fiscal year to the Division as part of their annual strategy plan. Should the annual audit reveal discrepancies or fraud, the Division must be notified immediately.* This form is available: <http://www.ncagr.gov/sw/acspforms.html>

X. Technical Assistance Funding Requests

Provide a brief narrative of technical assistance budget requests. Please include staff title, name, and percentage or hours annually of staff time dedicated to implementing the ACSP and/or CCAP. **Please submit this request on a separate sheet of paper, as different division staff process this portion of the strategy plan.**